



Degrees offered

Master of Arts in Central European History (MA); one year

Master of Arts in Historical Studies (MA); two years

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative History of Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe (PhD)

Application deadlines

January 15, 2008: For all applicants submitting complete packages, and those who wish to take the CEU-administered admissions examinations.

February 28, 2008: For applicants to all programs, who submit complete application packages, including language scores and other applicable test scores.

March 17, 2008: For current CEU Master's students to the doctoral program.

For further details:
<http://www.ceu.hu/admissions.html>

HISTORY

The Department of History focuses on the history of Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe from the sixteenth century to present times, and goes beyond these geographical and temporal boundaries in a comparative perspective. The department has also developed an interdisciplinary character: A significant proportion of teaching, research and thesis work is done at the interface between history and other disciplines (such as sociology and social anthropology, philosophy, art history and religion). Along with the resources of the Department of History and CEU in general, a broad network of scholars worldwide has assisted the department in realizing such endeavors at a high level of excellence.

The student/faculty ratio for the Department of History is 7:1.

Selected Areas of Research

Research areas for the Department of History include:

- Historical Studies: Theories, Methods, Skills, Historiography
- Social and Political History in a Comparative Perspective
- Ethnicity, Nations, Nationalism and Empires in History
- Culture, Religion and Intellectual History in a Comparative Perspective

For a list of department faculty visit: <http://www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/22>

Special Projects/Programs

CEU-Higher Education Support Plan in Comparative History Project (HESP)

This three-year project helps to develop Comparative History as a specialization of courses within a set of target departments in the region—Central Europe, Southeastern Europe and Eastern Europe—with CEU acting as the core and the coordinator of the group.

Jewish Studies Project (JSP)

The Jewish Studies Project at Central European University has helped revitalize the study of Jewish history, culture and society in a region where these topics were long considered taboo. In addition to conducting a series of lectures, sponsoring conferences and publishing a yearbook, the Jewish Studies Project offers a specialization in Jewish Studies for students in the Department of History.

Religious Studies

Students in this specialization, as a part of their MA program in the Department of History or the Department of Medieval Studies, will engage in the study of religious phenomena from a historical point of view and from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives. This specialization focuses on the study of religious thought and traditions of the three monotheistic religions, with special emphasis on Western and Eastern Christianity, and the comparative study of their social, societal, institutional, cultural, intellectual, and political contexts and implications.

For additional Special Projects/Programs (including the specialization in Environmental and Landscape History, co-organized with the Medieval Studies Department) see the Department of Medieval Studies. For more information on Special Projects/Programs visit: <http://www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/6>

Student Outcomes

History, together with the humanities, teaches sensitivity to culture and context, both important in various fields. History, together with the social sciences, teaches imagination in putting forward hypotheses and rigor in testing them. This is as important in strictly academic work as in any other serious activity beyond mundane routines. CEU MA history graduates are well-qualified to pursue academic careers and a wide range of further study options, including the History PhD program at CEU, advanced studies at other universities and specialized research projects. They also take positions in areas such as journalism or government service. PhD graduates have almost invariably obtained positions at universities or research institutes, and have also won prestigious post-doctoral fellowships.

Additional information is available at: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_profile.html

The Master's Programs

MA in Central European History (One-year Program)

The Master's program in Central European History explores comparative themes in the history of Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe within a wider European context. While the program is loosely arranged into

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“early-modern” (1500-1789), “modern” (1789-1914) and “contemporary” (post-1914) specializations, there is an increasing endeavor to transgress chronological boundaries, as well as to range freely between sub-disciplines. Particular themes include: patterns of social development, cultural history and everyday life from the Reformation through the Enlightenment to modernity, problems of modernization (backwardness and unequal development), modern ideologies, empires and imperial structures, nationhood and the nation-state and varieties of authoritarianism such as fascism and communism and their historical reflections.

Financial aid

The university is committed to sustaining a geographically diverse and multicultural student body. To further this goal, CEU accepts financial aid applications from students from all over the world.

Detailed information is available at: <http://www.ceu.hu/financial.html>

MA in Historical Studies (Two-year Program)

In addition to the existing MA programs in Central European History and Medieval Studies, the Department of History and the Department of Medieval Studies have jointly introduced a two-year MA Program in Historical Studies, which specifically addresses the needs of students who have a three-year study background in history (or a related discipline). Both departments have previously been engaged in comparative and interdisciplinary endeavors and the new program will draw on the unity of the disciplines, while strengthening their existing ties and enhancing previous collaborations. This is a multifaceted degree program, strongly underpinned by a systematic introduction into theories, methods and research skills, focused on Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe from late antiquity to contemporary times.

For more details on the Master's programs visit: <http://www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/5>

Sample Courses for the Master's Programs

Modern Historiography; History, Theory, Text: An Introduction; Social Change Under Communism; Comparative Urban Change; Political Modernities and Nation-building in Central and Southeastern Europe; Imperial Legacies, Religion and the Formation of Modern Nation-states; Producing Relevant Knowledge: The Enlightenment Paradigm; Cultural History of the Visual Arts

For a list of courses visit: <http://www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/186>

Entry Requirements for the Master's Programs

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants must provide a 500-word outline of their proposed research topic. For information on how to write a research proposal see: <http://www.ceu.hu/hist/proposal.html>

Detailed information on specific requirements is available at: <http://www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/5>

The Doctoral Program

The department especially welcomes students with PhD dissertation research that contributes to: the integration of the study of different layers of historical processes (social, cultural, economic, political); the integration of history and theory (conscious reflection on the basic approaches to research); and comparative approaches in historiography (Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe being neither “different” and “incomparable,” nor a “belated copy” of developments elsewhere).

The advantages of the program include classes and discussions among students specializing in different topics, different periods, and different geographical regions whereby new research questions can be formulated, even about an individual's own national history. The first year of the program concentrates on coursework and preparation for the comprehensive examination, which focuses on major topics in the comparative history of two of the three regions mentioned above. A detailed, extensive research dissertation proposal is also prepared and discussed as part of the comprehensive examination. The second year is devoted to research in archives and libraries. Students are encouraged to spend at least three months during their third year at a leading university or research center abroad, and present research results at their PhD research seminar. For more details on the doctoral program visit: <http://www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/18>

Doctoral enrollment may continue up to a maximum of six years. Students that are admitted into CEU doctoral programs are eligible to receive a full CEU Doctoral fellowship for up to three years. Further information on CEU's doctoral programs can be found in the Doctoral Programs Academic Regulations at: http://www.ceu.hu/student_policies.html

Sample Courses for the Doctoral Program

Comparative Approach to Historical Research; Topics in Intellectual History of Central and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century; Topics in Soviet History; Social History: Schools, Methods and Case Studies; Confessions and Nations in Eastern Europe; Writing Intellectual History in Central and Eastern Europe 1900-1945; Intercultural Exchange in History; Rebellion, Revolution and Religion

For a list of courses visit: <http://www.hist.ceu.hu/?q=node/186>

Entry Requirements for the Doctoral Program

In addition to meeting the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: http://www.ceu.hu/admissions_apply.html), applicants to the Department of History must submit letters of recommendation from three professors familiar with their post-graduate work, and a three-page research proposal. For further details, see the departmental website.

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Non-discrimination Policy

Central European University does not discriminate on the basis of—including, but not limited to—race, color, nation and ethnic origin, religion, gender and sexual orientation in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, employment, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.